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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed Japanese patent documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 3,259,190 is discussed on pages 1 and 3 of the subject specification. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,402,224.

Japanese patent document number 63-38697 is also discussed on pages 1-2 of the subject specification and corresponds to Japanese patent document number 58-083853, a copy of the abstract of which is also enclosed. A translation of the '697 document will be submitted, if so required by the Examiner.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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